

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2156 - SB 2142

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the state office of Lieutenant Governor which shall be an elected position starting in 2010. The Lieutenant Governor shall, at stated times, receive compensation for services, which shall not be changed during the period for which he or she has been elected. Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the addition of an elected Lieutenant Governor and staff for such person be met with corresponding reductions in other parts of state government.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – A transfer of funds will be required from other state entities to fund the position of Lieutenant Governor and staff attached to that office. The amount of state funds to be transferred cannot be determined, but can be estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The office of Lieutenant Governor will be under the authority of the General Assembly.
- Funding for the positions of the Lieutenant Governor and staff will come from a transfer of funds from other state entities to pay for the establishment of this office.
- The number of staff, office space and location, furniture and equipment required for this office is not known at the present time. However, the cost to establish the office of Lieutenant Governor is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- Any cost associated with electing a Lieutenant Governor is estimated to be not significant since this will be placed on the regular November ballot.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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